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### 5.1 Problem 2.4.1

Prove that  $\{\frac{n^2-1}{n^2}\}$  is Cauchy using directly the definition of Cauchy sequences.

*Solution.*

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### 5.2 Problem 2.4.2

Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence such that there exists a  $0 < C < 1$  such that

$$|x_{n+1} - x_n| \leq C |x_n - x_{n-1}|.$$

Prove that  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy. Hint: You can freely use the formula (for  $C \neq 1$ )

$$1 + C + C^2 + \cdots + C^n = \frac{1 - C^{n+1}}{1 - C}.$$

*Solution.*

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### 5.3 Problem 2.4.4

Let  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  be sequences such that  $\lim y_n = 0$ . Suppose that for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and for all  $m \geq k$  we have

$$|x_m - x_k| \leq y_k.$$

Show that  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy.

*Solution.*

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### 5.4 Problem 2.5.1

For  $r \neq 1$ , prove

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} r^k = \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r}.$$

Hint: Let  $s := \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} r^k$ , then compute  $s(1 - r) = s - rs$ , and solve for  $s$ .

*Solution.*

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### 5.5 Problem 2.5.2

Prove that for  $-1 < r < 1$  we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n = \frac{1}{1 - r}.$$

Hint: Use the previous exercise.

*Solution.*

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